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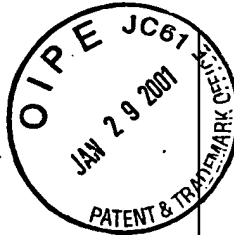
In re Application of:

**Kenneth F. Buechler**

Serial No.: 09/613,650

Filed: July 10, 2000

For: **DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES AND  
APPARATUS FOR THE  
CONTROLLED MOVEMENT OF  
REAGENTS WITHOUT  
MEMBRANES**



Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Not yet assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the Continuation-In-Part Application filed July 10, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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(37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

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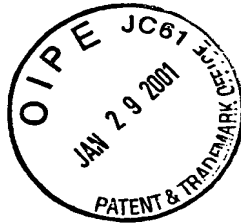
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALCommissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- ☒ The Applicant herein claims Small Entity Status.
- ☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	26	0	6	x \$18.00 (9)	\$54.00
Independents:	2	0	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee					\$355.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$270.00	\$135.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					\$544.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$390.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$890.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,390.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,890.00	\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE:			\$1,088.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$110.00
LATE OATH OR DECLARATION SURCHARGE			\$130.00
SUBTOTAL			\$1,328.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$664.00
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT			\$130.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$794.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$0.00 . A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$794.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 1/25/01

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